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WILLIAM C. WHITNEY AND HIS FIFTH AVENUE HOUSE,
WHERE HE IS LYING CRITICALLY ILL FROM OPERATION.



LID SHALL NOT COME OFF, SAYS MR. McADOO

The Police Commissioner Declares that There Has Been No Let Up on the Gamblers, and that There Will Be None So Far as He Is Concerned.

He Is Spending Much of His Time Trying to Protect the Public from Accidents on the "L" Road by Placing Policemen on the Stations.

"I want to say emphatically that there has been no let-up on the gamblers or other law-breakers on the part of the police."

"What I am most engrossed in now is the overcrowding of the elevated trains. While there is no legal reason for assigning policemen to the crowded elevated stations during the rush hours, yet I feel that it is the place for the police. Human life is in danger, and we cannot stop to consider the legality."—Statement of Police Commissioner McAdoo.

Police Commissioner McAdoo denied absolutely to-day the statement published in a morning paper that the police have let up on the gamblers and owners of pool-rooms or that the "lid" had been raised even a little bit.

"If you will show me where there is a leak I will go after it, and stop the escaping steam with putty," he said. "I want to say emphatically that there has been no let-up on the gamblers or other law-breakers on the part of the police."

"Do you know of your own personal knowledge that there is little or no gambling in New York?" was asked. "I do. I have talked with the police, and in their reports to me the conditions have not changed in the least since I began to make war on the gamblers."

"I went through the Tenderloin Saturday night. I visited the Haymarket, the Cairo, the negro dance hall at Thirtieth street and Sixth avenue, and I want to say that Capt. Burfield is doing his duty."

"How did those places impress you?"

SAFETY PLANS FOR THEATRES

Managers Give the Benefit of Their Views to the Board of Aldermen on the Question of Stage Fires.

Heinrich Corried, at the hearing before the Aldermanic Committee on Buildings, on the proposed ordinance for the better protection of theatre patrons to-day, suggested the use of a sectional sprinkler as a means of extinguishing fires on stages. The sprinkler, he said, should be built in sections, controllable from one point and by any person. As fires in theatres usually occur on the stage he advised that the sprinkler plan be placed on the stage.

Fire Commissioner Hayes and Deputy Fire Commissioner William A. Doyle, of Brooklyn, were among the large crowd drawn to the Aldermanic Chamber by the hearing.

Manager Charles T. K. Miller, of the Casino, speaking of the use of a proposed metal curtain, said the weight would be so enormous as to render the use of the metal curtain impracticable. Alderman John H. Bland, who argued for the metal curtain, saying that its weight could not be a handicap to prompt operation in case of fire.

Mr. Miller gave it his opinion, however, that the asbestos curtain was superior to the metal curtain.

Trouble with Asbestos Curtains.

J. J. Wyatt, of Columbia College, declared that asbestos curtains weigh from 3,000 to 6,000 pounds and cannot be counterweighted. It is impracticable to raise and lower the asbestos curtain he said between acts.

"To drop the slow moving asbestos curtain would kill fires," said Mr. Wyatt.

"Better kill fires than kill people," exclaimed Deputy Fire Commissioner Doyle.

Manager Corried informed the committee that he intended to use plain fallow curtains placed in red lanterns at each exit of the Metropolitan Opera House.

"Electricity, oil and gas fall at times, and never," said Manager Corried. "Theatre, declared that an asbestos curtain can be counterbalanced and curtains are to-day counterweighted. He had no objection to a provision, however, regarding the lowering of the asbestos curtain between acts."

NEW ISSUE OF FUEL BONDS.

SENATOR Col. Feb. 1.—The stockholders of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company at a special meeting to-day amended the articles of incorporation so as to permit an increase in the funded indebtedness of the company. It is proposed to issue bonds to the amount of \$10,000,000.

DOCTOR FIGHTS WITH A MADMAN

David Hartesh Found Clad Only in His Underclothing Taken to a Hospital Where He Attacked the Nurses.

There was a desperate fight in St. Mary's Hospital in Jamaica to-day between House Surgeon Burke and an insane patient, which might have ended in the murder of Dr. Burke but for the arrival of assistance at a critical time.

The maniac was found on the front stoop of T. W. Cowenhoven's house on Lincoln road early to-day, clad only in his underclothing. He was half frozen, but revived under stimulants, and was then taken to the hospital.

There he said that his name was David Hartesh. He would give no other information about himself.

He was placed in a ward and appeared to be all right, but while Dr. Burke was operating on a child the man suddenly leaped from the bed, chased all the nurses out of the ward and began smashing everything to rights.

Dr. Burke rushed in and grappled with the man and a desperate fight followed.

The madman would not let the doctor, then the doctor would throw the lunatic. The man seemed possessed of the strength of a dozen men, and when he got a clutch on Dr. Burke's throat, it looked as though he would strangle him. But assistance arrived and the man was subdued.

Hartesh was sent to the Queens County Jail.

MURPHY HURRIES HOME.

Will Help Nominate Cockran for Congress To-night.

Charles F. Murphy hastened to town to-day to attend the Twelfth Congressional District Convention to-night at which a successor to Mayor McClellan in Congress will be named.

Murphy's absence and the delegates selected his name leading the list, he wants to be in at the naming of the new man.

W. Bourke Cockran was decided upon weeks ago as the candidate, and according to the programme he will receive the nomination. The Republicans have not yet chosen their man, but one will be named for the purpose of making a showing.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Tuesday, for New York City and vicinity: Generally fair and much colder to-night with a cold wave; Tuesday fair; brisk west to northwest winds.

OSTRICH DEFEATS MAD MULLAH

After Winning Many Races at New Orleans Mad Mullah Is Finally Beaten—Long Shots Win Out.

THE WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—Velas (20 to 1) 1, Exapo (20 to 1) 2, Thorncroft 3.

SECOND RACE—Arch Oldham (8 to 5) 1, Fair Una (50 to 1) 2, Drugist 3.

THIRD RACE—Dusky (even) 1, Claremont (40 to 1) 2, Our Little 3.

FOURTH RACE—Ostrich (9 to 5) 1, Miss Melton (20 to 1) 2, Mad Mullah 3.

(Special to The Evening World.)

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MADE A DASH FROM COURT.

Prisoner Upset Would Be Captured, but Was Caught After a Chase.

(Special to The Evening World.)

MOHNT VERNON, N. Y., Feb. 1.—After feigning insanity since his arrest Pasquale Petriolo, a burglar who was caught while trying to cut his way into the home of William T. Blatz, at North Fourth avenue and Grand street, Fleetwood, made a dash for liberty from court to-day immediately after Judge Gay had held him to await the action of the Grand Jury at White Plains.

Petriolo was followed by a crowd of fifty people, composed of city officials and business men. Upon reaching the street Petriolo ran along Depot place to South Third avenue, Alderman James K. Fuller, who was for twenty years a Central Office detective in New York, tried to stop him, but Petriolo dived between the Alderman's legs and threw him in a snowbank.

The escaping prisoner continued along South Third avenue until he reached Prospect avenue, where he was overtaken by court officers.

Chief Foley regards Petriolo as a dangerous prisoner with a record. When searched at Police Headquarters Petriolo had several pawntickets which the police believe will connect him with numerous Mount Vernon burglaries.

RUSSIA COUNTING ON WAR CALLS OUT MORE TROOPS

Mobilization of Manchurian Reserves Ordered, While Fifty Thousand Men Will Head for Vladivostok.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 1.—In spite of the expressed hope of the Russian authorities that the present crisis will be passed and that a pacific solution of the Russo-Japanese negotiations will be reached it is no longer concealed that Russia is practically prepared for eventualities.

To-day the mobilization of the Manchurian reserves was announced. Despatches from Vladivostok announce that 50,000 men are expected there this month to strengthen the garrison, while orders for mobilization of the reserves in all the territories of the Far East are shortly expected.

Preparations are making for the mobilization of all the horses liable to government requisition.

The Japanese in alarm are leaving the territory traversed by the Eastern Chinese Railroad.

According to the Port Arthur Novykal, the Japanese are intriguing to create disturbances in Korea, so as to have an excuse for intervention. The Japanese reports of the intention of the Seoul garrison to mutiny were, it is added, circulated with the object of inducing the Emperor of Korea to seek refuge in the Russian legation.

The only result, however, was to determine the Emperor to place himself under the protection of the United States legation in case of necessity.

COREAN MINISTER RECALLED FROM PEKING

PEKING, Feb. 1.—The Korean Minister here has been recalled and will leave in a few days. The Korean Legation continues to receive disquieting news regarding the conditions in Korea.

The Japanese in Peking discredit the reports intimating that a peaceful settlement will be arrived at, especially in view of Russia's immense warlike preparations.

JAPAN EXPECTS REPLY BY MIDDLE OF WEEK.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—After a brief conference with Acting Secretary of State Loomis, Mr. Takahira, the Japanese Minister, stated that the Japanese government expected the Russian reply in the middle of the week. The department moves to inform Mr. Loomis of his advice.

AGED WOMAN BRUTALLY ATTACKED AND ROBBED.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Joseph Hassler, the aged wife of a prominent jeweller at No. 3416 Market street, this city, was brutally assaulted this afternoon by four men, who afterwards robbed the store and made their escape. Mrs. Hassler is now in a dangerous condition. Her recovery is doubtful on account of her advanced age, and the blow on her head, delivered with fearful force by a brawny arm, has probably fractured the skull.

SIXTY-TON GUN FALLS ON MONITOR'S PILOT-HOUSE.

ORFOLK, Va., Feb. 1.—While a sixty-ton gun was being hoisted on the monitor Arkansas at Norfolk Navy-Yard to-day a guy-rope broke. The gun fell and smashed the house and did other damage. Gunner Flannigan was knocked senseless, but recovered.

INSANE MAN TRIES TO SHOOT MARINE.

A man who said he was Otto L. Preston, of 23 India street, Brooklyn, this afternoon drew a big 44-calibre revolver out of a satchel he carried and attempted to shoot a marine named Ellis, on duty on the Cob Dock. He was overpowered and taken to the Cumberland Street Hospital. The doctors say the man is insane.

GREAT CROWD IN CHASE OF THIEF

Charles Cohan Pursued Down the Elevated Stairway, Up Third Avenue and Across Sixteenth Street.

STOLE DIAMOND STUD AND THEN DASHED AWAY.

Boarded Surface Car, but the Crowd Was Increasing and He Took to His Heels Again—Caught by Policeman.

A bold daylight hold-up on the Fourteenth street station of the Third Avenue Elevated Railroad this afternoon was followed by a thief-chase up Third avenue and across Sixteenth street in which a crowd of nearly a thousand men and boys took part.

As Jacob Reiser, a hotel-keeper, of No. 70 Cross street, Paterson, N. J., was leaving a Third Avenue "L" train a man who was wedged in the crowd that surrounded him on the platform suddenly reached out and "lifted" a \$500 diamond ring from his tie.

The thief made a dash for the stairway. Mr. Reiser gave a cry of "stop thief" and bolted after the fleeing highwayman. A score of men on the station platform who had seen the daring hold-up took up the cry and followed.

Dashed Down the Stairway.

The thief went down the stairs three at a jump, with his pursuers close at his heels and shouting in a chorus that could be heard throughout the neighborhood, "Stop thief!" "stop thief!"

At the latest landing of the stairway the highwayman turned and rushed to a passing surface car bound uptown. The cry of "stop thief" had been taken up by newsboys and men in the street and the car which was going at full speed was soon followed by a shouting crowd of hundreds which rapidly gained on the car.

Mr. Reiser, though short and fat, led the pursuers and never ceased in his cry. When the car reached Sixteenth street the entire thoroughfare behind the car was black with tie crowd at Mr. Reiser's heels and the thief jumped from the platform to the street and started at full speed toward Irving place. He had gained a rod on the pursuing throng, though it seemed to grow at every step, and from the front ranks of the crowd horses and men began hurling missiles a thim.

Caught by a Policeman.

Policeman Sheehan, of the East Twentieth street station, was advancing toward Sixteenth street on Irving place when he heard the yelling of the mob. He ran to the corner just in time to run plump into the fleeing man. Both lost their balance through the impact and rolled into the street. But Sheehan had the man handcuffed almost before he got to his feet.

At the Tombs Court the prisoner gave his name as Charles Cohan, of No. 146 Madison street, and described himself as a second time offender. He was not found in his possession. He was held in \$1,000 bail for examination to-morrow.

HORSES DROWNED IN HARLEM RIVER

Truck Laden with Snow Backed Over Stringpiece and All Efforts to Save Struggling Animals Were Futile.

A valuable team of truck horses, belonging to Frank Connolly, of No. 287 Morris avenue, the Bronx, fell into the Harlem River at the foot of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to-day, and after struggling in the water for an hour both were drowned.

John Dunlea, a driver for Connolly, took a truckload of snow to the pier at the foot of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, and backed the team against the stringpiece preparatory to dumping it. The wheels passed over the edge and the weight of the load pulled the horses in the river.

They fell between the pier and a schooner, where they struggled, policemen and watchmen making every effort to save them, but not even succeeding in freeing them from the truck. Both horses finally sank.

\$1,250 LAST HIM ONE DAY.

Mrs. Moore Brings Action to Have Husband Declared Insane.

A Sheriff's jury heard testimony to-day in the action brought by Mrs. Gertrude L. Moore, of No. 100 West Seventy-fourth street, to have her husband, Henry G. Moore, declared incompetent and to have a committee appointed to take charge of his person and property.

According to the petition presented by Mrs. Moore, her husband has an income of \$15,000 a year from a trust fund he inherited, but so great is his improvidence and extravagance that the day after he receives his monthly allowance of \$1,250 he has not a cent.

Miss Lella Moore, the sixteen-year-old daughter of the Moores, swears in an affidavit that he father is insane and suffers from various hallucinations and delusions.

W. C. WHITNEY'S CONDITION GRAVE, DOCTORS REPORT

Millionaire and Street Railway Magnate Seemed to Improve After Operation for Appendicitis, but Condition Changed and Danger of Collapse Was Imminent.

SHARP TURN FOR THE WORSE
AND DR. BULL HASTILY SENT FOR.

LATEST OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Mr. Whitney's condition is the same. There has been no change. Mr. Whitney is not yet out of danger. Bulletin issued by Secretary Regan at 2.30 o'clock.

Dr. Delafield and Dr. Poole were summoned to the Whitney house this afternoon to consult with Dr. Bull and Dr. Janeway. Dr. Delafield as he left the house gave The Evening World the first hopeful report that has yet come from the sick room. He said:

"There has been a slight change for the better in Mr. Whitney's condition. The fever has subsided somewhat and the inflammation has not extended. On the whole Mr. Whitney is easier than he has been since he had a bad turn."

The condition of William C. Whitney, who was operated on for appendicitis on Saturday night, is critical. All of Mr. Whitney's family who are in the city have been summoned to his house, No. 871 Fifth avenue. This includes Harry Payne Whitney and Dorothy Whitney. Payne Whitney is in Georgia, and Mr. Whitney's other daughter, Mrs. Almeric Paget, is in Europe. Telegrams announcing the seriousness of Mr. Whitney's condition have been dispatched to them.

There was a consultation of Mr. Whitney's physicians at noon to-day, to which Dr. Janeway, the well-known specialist, was summoned. The others present were Dr. Bull, Dr. Walker and Dr. James. The consultation lasted an hour. Shortly afterward a truck brought two X-ray machines to the house. They are to be used on Mr. Whitney as soon as he is strong enough to be moved.

A physician who went to the Whitney house to-day with Dr. Janeway, but who declined to give his name, made this announcement to an Evening World reporter:

DID NOT RALLY FROM SHOCK.

"Mr. Whitney's chances are not of the best. He is in a very critical condition and anything may happen at any moment. A few hours at the outside ought to determine whether he will live. The operation on Mr. Whitney was a success as an operation, but Mr. Whitney did not recover from the shock, and has steadily lost strength since."

In the lower part of the Whitney house the servants are all gathered and those that respond to rings at the doorbell are red-eyed from weeping.

Mr. Whitney passed a bad night and toward morning showed such alarming symptoms that Dr. John B. Walker, who was left in charge of the patient while Dr. Bull went out of town for another operation, decided that the distinguished surgeon must be sent for at once.

A telegram brought Dr. Bull back to town on the first train, and he went at once to the bedside of Mr. Whitney, where he remained in attendance on the patient. He has been with him ever since, and this constant vigil indicates a much more serious condition of affairs than has been given out at the house, No. 871 Fifth avenue.

Mr. Whitney had been in the South most of the winter, but came back here in order to enjoy a part of the opera season. On Friday night he occupied his box at the Metropolitan Opera-House. It was during the performance of "Rigoletto" that he was attacked by a sharp pain and had to go home.

COMPLICATIONS FOLLOWED.

After Mr. Whitney got to his home from the opera he developed an acute pain in the right lower segment of the abdomen. The pain increased until he was obliged to lie down and when Dr. Bull and Dr. Walker, who had been summoned, arrived at the house, he was flat on his back, with his right leg drawn up across his body.

An immediate operation was advised, but before it was done Mr. Whitney was plainly told that it was a serious matter in a man of his age and that he might not recover from the shock. Mr. Whitney said he was ready and willing to take the chance, and without any loss of time an operating table was brought from Dr. Bull's office and nurses were summoned from Dr. Walker's sanitarium, on East Thirty-third street.

An oxygen tank was brought in and hypodermics of stimulants were placed in readiness in case Mr. Whitney sank under the operation. The patient yielded readily to ether and then an incision several inches long was made in the abdomen. The appendix was found in a congested and swollen condition, confirming the diagnosis. It was removed, the wound closed and the doctors waited for Mr. Whitney to recover consciousness, which he did very soon.

WAS IN VIGOROUS HEALTH.

Although sixty-two years old, Mr. Whitney is in fine vigorous health, is unusually strong for a man of his years, and because of these constitutional advantages less fear for him is entertained by his friends than if he suffered from the weakness of most men of his years.

Dr. Bull, Walker and James were all with Mr. Whitney to-day, but none of them would be interviewed on the condition of their patient. Mr. Whitney's secretary, Mr. Regan, said to an Evening World reporter:

"No details of Mr. Whitney's illness are to be made public. His condition is unchanged and that means he is a very sick man. Some of the members of his family are with him and others will soon be here."

"Doesn't this indicate a grave condition of affairs?" was asked. "Mr. Whitney is a very sick man; that is all there is to be said," was Mr. Regan's response.